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Title: FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATE MOUNTED SOLID-STATE LIGHT SOURCES FOR EXTERIOR VEHICULAR LIGHTING	

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. A clean version of the amendments is shown below; a marked-up copy of the amendments follows this response and is entitled MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 13, and 23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A flexible vehicular light source adapted to mount on and conform to a shape of an external surface of a vehicle and to emit light that provides illumination of a surface over which the vehicle is traveling, indicates an intention of a driver to turn or stop the vehicle, and/or provides an indication of a location of the vehicle, said flexible vehicular light source comprising:

(a) a flexible substrate having a rear surface and a front surface, and including a plurality of flexible conductive traces, said plurality of flexible conductive traces being adapted to connect to an electrical system of a vehicle to receive an electrical current therefrom;
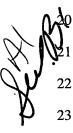
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